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METHOD FOR ALLOCATING STORAGE REGIONS AND PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE METHOD BASED ON HINTS,

STORAGE DEVICE AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Group:

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Examiner:

A. Salad

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 June 29, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2006, setting a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 3, 2006, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks are included following the amendments.

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